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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered. Reconsideration of the above captioned patent application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

An explanation of the amendments to the drawings begin on page 3 of this paper. •

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

An appendix including a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes made to the drawings is attached to this paper.